

WELLS-NEXT-TO-THE-SEA (NORFOLK) URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
YEAR TO 31st. DECEMBER 1942

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1942.

Vital Statistics

There were 31 live births registered during the year and 2 stillbirths, giving a birth rate of 14.14 which is slightly above that for 1941.

The total deaths registered amounted to 41, 17 male and 24 female, giving a death rate of 18.70. There was only one infant death and none from maternal causes. Tuberculosis was the cause of 5 deaths, 4 female and 1 male. 75% of all deaths occurred over the age of 65.

There were 4 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and at the end of December there were 21 cases on the register.

Infectious disease has not been prevalent and there were no deaths from this cause. One case of scarlet fever, 2 cases of erysipelas and 3 cases of cerebro-spinal fever were notified. There were no cases of whooping cough or measles notified.

Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme

Following the intensive immunisation campaign the previous year, there was only a small percentage of children to be treated in 1942.

Regular sessions were held throughout the year at the Junior School, where both schoolchildren and those under school age attended for treatment.

The Birthday Letter scheme continued to be used with satisfactory results and a large number of babies were immunised by their own doctors soon after their first birthdays.

At the end of the year the results were as follows:-

Pre-school (1-5 years)	School (5-15 years)
46%	91.8%

In order to be quite certain that no child had missed the opportunity of benefiting under the Council's scheme, a list of names of children under 5 was obtained from the Food Office so that a complete canvass could be undertaken in 1943.

I should like to show my appreciation of the way in which the Head Teachers and the Health Visitors have helped to make the campaign a success and of the willing co-operation of the general practitioners.

Contagious Disease

There were 4 cases of scabies brought to my notice during the year. They were all dealt with under the Council's domiciliary treatment scheme and cleared up satisfactorily without having to be removed to hospital.

Office Accommodation and Clerical Assistance

At my request the three District Councils met representatives of the County Council to consider the provision of office accommodation and clerical assistance for the Medical Officer of Health. This meeting resulted in the present arrangement whereby

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

GAS COMMITTEE:

Mr.Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to state that during the past month the following have been attended to:-

On the 11th instant I received information that a Meter had been broken into. I found that the lock had been removed and the contents missing. There should have been about 26/8d, of which 22/6d was for Gas consumed. On the 20th I went to the same place to shut off the Gas owing to a fire having broken out. This meter is badly damaged by fire and cannot be used.

I hope to complete all Slot Meters and Ordinary Meters this week.

Mr.Batterby, Station Road: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " service with P.P.Meter, Cooker and Copper.

Mr.Butcher, Coastguard Station: 1 Cooker fixed.

Mr.Western, 11, Gales Road: 1 Sink Heater fixed.

Mr.T.I.Goldie, Park Road: 1 Ordinary Meter and 1 Don Geyser. 3 Cookers have been cleaned, 1 Cooker changed for Ring, 4 Extra lights fixed, 2 Gas Coppers fixed, 1 faulty Meter changed. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " service which was leaking has been relaid.

The Make for the month is 882,800 cubic feet.

Averaging 12,300 cubic feet per Ton Coal carbonized.

Increase 103,600 cubic feet.

Coal carbonized:- 71 Tons 15 cwts.

Yours obediently,

A. EDWARDS.

Manager.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

Eighteenth Monthly Report.

Wells U.D.C.Northfield Housing Estate.1937-9.

At the expiration of the maintenance period, I have inspected the thirty houses comprised in the above scheme.

Beyond a few trivial defects which are being made good the work is satisfactory, I have therefore issued a Sixteenth and Final Certificate of £56. 1. 5.

I enclose short statement of account.

Yours faithfully,

T. INGLIS GOLDIE.

F.R.I.B.A.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Housing Committee,

During the past month the following repairs have been carried out: Resurfacing to passages; Northfield Crescent with Tarred Shingle.

16, Mill Road.

New H.P.Boiler.

18, Do.

Valley Gutter repairs.

8, Park Road.

New interior to Living room grate.

21, Theatre Road. Plaster repairs.

8, Northfield Avenue. Brick fire to living room.

2, 11, 15 & 25, Northfield Avenue. New Floors to Sitting Rooms.

15, Northfield Avenue. Repairs to valley gutter.

The work of fitting baths to the Gales Road Estate is well in hand.

Yours obediently,

F. RODWELL. Surveyor.

my office is housed as the Walsingham Council Offices and I am provided with the services of a part-time clerk.

This has been a very satisfactory solution of the problem and has led to a great improvement in administration.

Conclusion

The health of the district has been good throughout the year, that date rates being lower and the birth rate higher than in the previous year. It is gratifying to note that 3 years of War have had so little deleterious effect upon the public health.

Again I should like to show my appreciation of the assistance I have had from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the loyal co-operation of the staff.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

IRENE B.M.GREEN

Medical Officer of Health.

1939, MAY 30TH: The following Committees of the Council met at the Council Offices, Wells on Tuesday the 30th day of May 1939: PRESENT: Messrs. Aldridge, Broadmeadow, Butcher, Cain, Farrow, Kemp, Raven, Wells and Willis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE : Mr. G. T. Cain, Chairman.

The Committee report:-

1. Balance due to Surveyor.	£2. 13. 8.		
2. Balance due to Manager.	1. 12. 2.		
3. The Chairman reported he had examined the Collecting and Deposit Books of the Council which showed the following receipts:			
General Rates.	£486. 19. 2.		
General Receipts.	119. 6. 0.		
Cemetery Receipts.	4. 16. 0.		
Gas Rents.	298. 5. 11.		
Sales of Coke & Tar.	18. 12. 6.		
Beach Receipts.	17. 11. 9.		
Housing Rents.	255. 3. 3.		
Water Rates etc.	120. 6. 4.	£1321. 0. 11.	
Ministry of Health: Local Govt. Act Gt.		188. 0. 0.	
Total Receipts.		£1509. 0. 11.	

4. Bank Balance. Dr. £77. 12. 2.

The Committee recommend the following payments: 0

Salaries Account: Clerk. W. A. Williamson.	£ 22. 16. 4.		
Deputy Clerk. W. J. Banham.	3. 7. 11.		
Surveyor. F. Rodwell.	22. 4. 2.		
Cashier. Miss H. A. Western.	9. 3. 9.		
Petty Cash Account: Surveyor. F. Rodwell.	20. 0. 0.		
Manager. A. Edwards.	5. 0. 0.		
General Wages Account.	200. 0. 0.		
Gas Wages Account.	100. 0. 0.		
Precept Account: Norfolk County Council.	588. 0. 0.		
N. W. N. Jt. Planning Cttee.	17. 10. 0.		
Interest on Precept: Norfolk Cty. Ccl.	7. 2.		
Ministry of Health: Housing Inquiry Exps.	11. 14. 6.		
Portsmouth Savings Bank: Principal & Int.	404. 10. 8.		
Wells Oddfellows. Interest.	5. 1. 6.		
Rock of Hope Oddfellows. do.	5. 8. 9.		
Wm. Hall's Exors. do.	4. 7. 0.		
J. F. Jackson's Trees. do.	11. 12. 0.		
GENERAL INVOICES: 1938/39:			
T. Pechey.	£ 1. 5. 0.		
W. P. Seeley.	5. 12. 0.		
Wells U.D.C. Gas.	14. 4. 0.		
W. H. Dennett.	1. 6. 0.		
F. E. Hardingham.	13. 17. 3.	36. 4. 3.	
COUNTY ROAD INVOICES:			
J. Hall.	2. 1. 9.		
E. C. Platten.	10. 0.		
Wells U.D.C.	19. 12. 2.	22. 3. 11.	
Total payments.		£1489. 11. 11.	

PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Salaries Account: Inspector. F. Rodwell. £ 3. 18. 4.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Total	Males	Females	Birth Rate per 1000 estimated resident population.
Legitimate	31	11	20	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Total	31	11	20	14.14

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	1

<u>DEATHS</u>	41	17	24	Crude death rate per 1000 estimated resident population	18.70
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INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

	Total	Males	Females	Infant Mortality rate per 1000 births
Legitimate	1	-	1	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Totals	1	-	1	32.26

TUBERCULOSIS

This table gives the number and type of cases in the area at end of 1942.

Type of case.	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	10	6	16
Non-pulmonary	2	3	5
TOTALS	12	9	21

	Total	Male	Female
Pulmonary Deaths	5	1	4
Non-pulmonary "	-	-	-
Total	5	1	4

New Cases - 4

The causes of death given in this table are supplies by the Registrar-General -

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All Causes	17	24
Tuberculosis	1	4
Cancer	1	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	2	2
Heart Disease	6	4
Bronchitis	4	1
Pneumonia	-	1
Congenital Debility, Prematurity etc.	-	1
Syphilitic diseases	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Other diseases of circulatory system	-	2
Other digestive diseases	1	1
All other causes	2	4

The Committee recommend:-

1. That the Manager's Report be received.
2. WATER SUPPLY:HOSPITAL: That the estimate of the cost of laying a main to the Hospital as submitted by the Manager at £81.18. 0. be received and the Hospital be asked for a water rate of £12 per annum to cover the laying of this main and the water charge.

Further that a 4" main be laid under the Railway Bridge in order that no further work will have to be undertaken should any additional supplies be necessary west of the Railway Bridge on any future occasion.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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Mr.A.Broadmeadow,Chairman.

The Committee recommend:-

1. That the Surveyor's Report be received.
2. That the Architect's Report and Certificate for £925 due to the Contractor be received and the Certificate paid.
3. HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE: That the following report of the Housing Sub-Committee be received:-

"The Housing Sub-Committee met at the Council Offices on the 24th June 1938:

Present: Mr.A.Broadmeadow: Chairman:

Messrs.Aldridge,Gain,Farrow and Kemp.

STOVES IN HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION: The Sub-Committee ask for authority to select the type of stove to be fixed in these Houses.

HOUSING PROGRAMME: The Sub-Committee recommend that Clearance Orders be made against the following properties:-

Lugger Yard: Six cottages owned by Miss Spinks and occupied respectively by Whittaker,Brown,Frost,Pincher, Barrett and Thompson.

Do. Two cottages owned by Mr.Donald Wells and occupied by Ridgway and Collins.

The Gleebe: Four cottages owned by Edwards Exors.and occupied by Wright,Smith,Whittaker and Lake.

Dogger Lane: One cottage owned by Mr.W.G.Rix and occupied by Broady.

Further that the Council should proceed with the building of twelve houses to rehouse the persons displaced by these Orders, subject to approval of the Ministry of Health.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain for the information of the Sub-Committee information as to the latest type of Houses recommended by the Ministry.

The Sub-Committee also recommend that consideration be given to providing Hot Water in these houses and that the coppers be fixed in an outside Wash House.

Further that the three houses in Staithe Street occupied by Kew, Seppings and Moorhouse and owned by Mrs.A.Wilson be included in the Clearance Orders recommended to be made.

4. BATHS:GALES ROAD HOUSES: That the report of the Clerk as to the Architect,Mr.T.I.Goldie,requesting an interview with Mr.Aldridge on the provision of pumps for supplying water from the Copper to the Baths be received and Mr.Aldridge be deputed to see Mr.Goldie on this matter.

5. PRIVATE BUILDING LAND: That the letter from the Holkham Estates Company informing the Council that they have certain land available in Northfield Lane for private building on 99 years leases be received.

6. RENT AND MORTGAGE INTEREST RESTRICTION ACT 1938: That the Report of the Clerk as to the new Rent Restriction Act including all houses having a rateable value of £13 up to £20 being included in this Act for Registration purposes and drawing attention to the fact that owners of such properties should apply for forms of Registration at the Offices of the Council be received.

7. ORDERS: That the present system of obtaining the signatures of the Chairmen of Committees for all orders under £5 in value be discontinued forthwith.
